

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
TERRE HAUTE DIVISION

COREY PERKINS,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 2:19-cv-00265-JPH-DLP
	)	
ARAMARK, et al.	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ASSISTANCE RECRUITING COUNSEL**

On September 21, 2020, plaintiff Corey Perkins filed a motion for assistance recruiting counsel. Litigants in federal civil cases do not have a constitutional or statutory right to court-appointed counsel. *Walker v. Price*, 900 F.3d 933, 938 (7th Cir. 2018). Instead, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1) gives courts the authority to "request" counsel. *Mallard v. United States District Court*, 490 U.S. 296, 300 (1989). "Two questions guide [this] court's discretionary decision whether to recruit counsel: (1) has the indigent plaintiff made a reasonable attempt to obtain counsel or been effectively precluded from doing so, and (2) given the difficulty of the case, does the plaintiff appear competent to litigate it himself?" *Walker*, 900 F.3d at 938 (internal quotations omitted).

Mr. Perkins has contacted three attorneys with requests for pro bono representation without success. The Court finds this is a reasonable attempt. In light of the many discovery disputes that have arisen in this case, including the failure of IDOC officials to preserve evidence and the defendants' misrepresentations in their initial disclosures, *see* dkt. 97, pp. 4-6, the motion for assistance recruiting counsel, dkt. [119], is **granted**. The Court will attempt to recruit counsel on Mr. Perkins' behalf.

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: 9/28/2020



James Patrick Hanlon  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of Indiana

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